



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

*State Capitol
Boise*

WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Idaho's natural heritage, providing valuable aesthetic, economic and ecological contributions that make our state a special place to live; and

WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys amazing biodiversity, with more than 3,000 native plant species from evergreen forests in the north to desert species in the south; and

WHEREAS, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting wildlife, birds, fish and water quality in our state; and

WHEREAS, invasive species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of April 28 through May 4, 2013 as

NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK

in Idaho, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating our floral diversity by learning more about our native plants and their habitats.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR**

A black ink signature of Ben Yursa is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE**